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	INORGANIC SUBSTANCES, ESPECIALLY	)	
	GLASSES AND GLASS CERAMICS	Ó	

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#### **REMARKS**

U.S. Patent No. 5,367,532 is the English language counterpart of PCT Published Application No. WO 92/15531 and European Patent No. EP 0 528 025. European Patent No. EP 0 528 025 is cited on page 1 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 5,567,218 is cited on page 2 of the specification and is the English language counterpart of European Patent No. EP 0 622 140. U.S. Patent No. 6,058,741 is the English language counterpart of French Patent No. 2 768 257. U.S. Patent No. 5,112,378 is the English language counterpart of German Patent No. 40 05 746. U.S. Patent No. 4,471,488 is the English language counterpart of European Patent No. 0 079 266. U.S. Patent No. 4,687,646 is the English language counterpart of German Patent No. 33 16 546. With the exception of German Patent No. 33 16 546 and U.S. Patent No. 4,687,646, all references are cited in an International Search Report dated November 7, 2000 in PCT/EP00/07987.

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